

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney
Utility Division

(329) In the matter of Cenex Pipeline, LLC July 21, 2005 filed application for authority to increase rates and charges in its crude petroleum product pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index- Docket No. D2005.7.111:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Cenex's rate application in Docket D2005.7.111. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(330) In the matter of TN2271- Joseph L. Garcia dba Mining City Taxi, Butte, Montana request for fuel surcharge of \$.25 per fare to cover passenger operations conducted under PSC No. 321. If granted, the fuel surcharge would go into effect from August 23, 2005 to November 20, 2005:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the fuel surcharge as requested. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(331) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Westech Energy Corporation application for an Order recognizing it as a regulated common carrier- Docket No. D2004.12.195:

Commissioner Raney moved to issue the declaratory ruling in Docket D2004.12.195 as drafted. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schneider made a substitute motion to direct staff to revise the declaratory ruling in a way that grants Westech Energy regulated common carrier status in this matter. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Molnar and Raney voted no.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist
Utility Division

(332) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Implementation of Senate Bill 415 (Renewable Energy Standards):

Commissioner Raney moved to issue a notice of opportunity to comment and issue a notice of scoping meeting based on the staff memo. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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